



APPENDICES

Welcome to Lewis County



Lewis County was created on December 19, 1845, before Washington became a state, and is named for Meriweather Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Since that time the size of our county has changed many times to the current size, which is 126 miles wide (east to west) and 30 miles long (north to south). Chehalis is the county seat. The current courthouse was built in 1927 on the corner of Main Street and Chehalis Avenue, Chehalis, WA. The Lewis County Museum is also located in Chehalis at the old railroad depot on Chehalis Avenue.

Centralia and Chehalis are the largest of our cities and have many celebrations and ceremonies throughout the year. The Southwest Washington Fairgrounds are between these two cities and the Fair is held each year during the month of August. There are interim events going on all year at the fairgrounds, which include everything from dog shows to home shows and many social events as well. Small town festivals start with the Vader May Day Celebration and go through Labor Day with the Packwood Flea Market.

Recreation is abundant in Lewis County with boating, fishing and camping available at Mayfield and Riffe Lakes; picnic and day areas at several parks throughout the county from Centralia to Vader and Pe Ell to Packwood. From the shores of Mineral Lake there is a beautiful view of Mt. Rainier and for viewing Mt. St. Helens you can enjoy the Hopkins Hill viewpoint, or drive up to Windy Ridge. Horse riding enthusiasts can enjoy the great trails at the Goat Rocks, Packwood Lake and Walupt Lake areas. If you are into hang-gliding, Dog Mountain is the place to be and don't miss the Morton Jubilee for national logging competitions.

Lewis County has something for everyone and we know you will enjoy your visit and travels in our area. Our most valuable resource is the warm and friendly people of Lewis County who will join us in welcoming you to our area.

Geography & Climate



Lewis County is situated halfway between Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, on Interstate 5 and covers approximately 2,452 square miles. Greater Lewis County can be accessed by Highways 6 and 12 and includes many scenic locations and tourist attractions including Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Mount Rainier National Park, the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams, the Tatoosh Wilderness, the Goat Rocks Wilderness, Riffe Lake, Mayfield Lake, and White Pass.

Skiing is close by at 5,000 feet above sea level and ocean beaches are just an hour's drive west. Recent Mount St. Helens volcanic activity has drawn a high level of interest to Southwest Washington and Lewis County's favorite landmark. The forested habitat and mountain ecosystem have made a remarkable comeback since the eruption of 1980. The natural geography of the mountain makes for exciting exploring and hiking. Lewis County's natural, varied landscape ranging from rolling hills to rugged terrain to lakes, rivers and streams makes for a beautiful landscape for river kayaking, whitewater rafting, fishing, hang gliding, mountain biking, horseback riding and offroad driving. Winter recreation is especially popular in Lewis County with hundreds of miles of trails for skiing snowmobiling, snowshoeing or sledding. Whichever outdoor pastime you enjoy most, Lewis County is sure to give you plenty of options that will provide opportunities to take in the incredible views of the area's nature and geography.

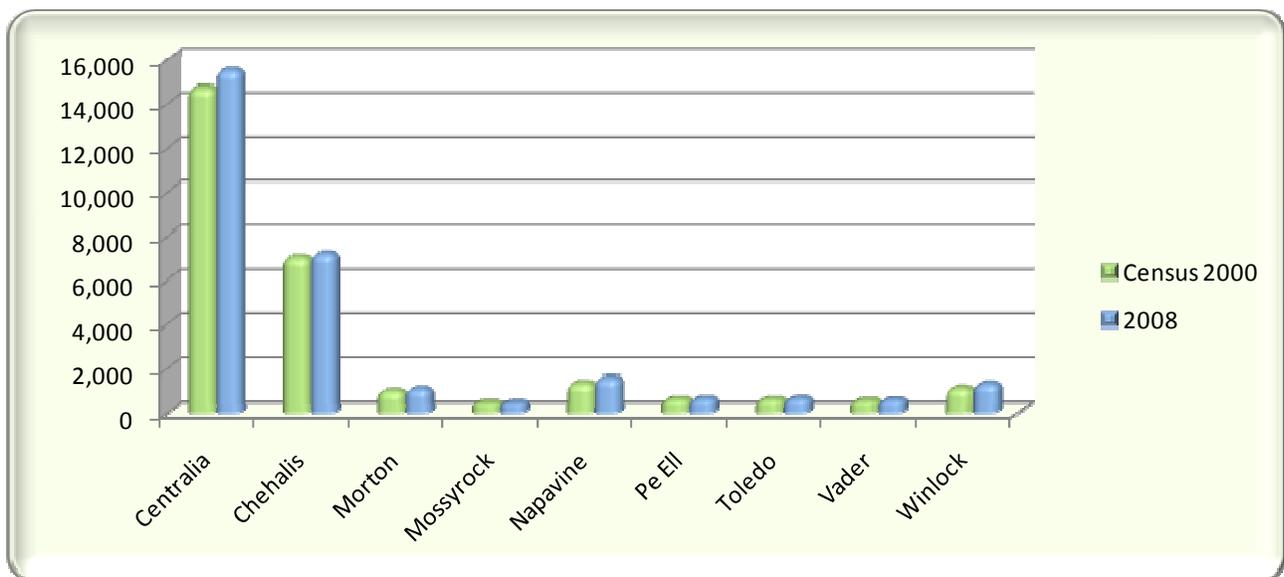
Lewis County has a generally moderate climate with warm, dry summers and mild winters. The average high temperature is 62 degrees F, and the average low temperature is 41 degrees F. The area receives 45 inches of precipitation annually.

Demographics

*Population of Cities, Towns, and County
Lewis County, April 1, 2000-April 1, 2008*

Municipality	Census 2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Lewis	68,600	69,500	70,200	70,400	70,700	71,600	72,900	74,100	74,700
Unincorporated	40,821	41,367	41,920	42,145	42,415	43,213	44,117	45,073	45,365
Incorporated	27,779	28,133	28,280	28,255	28,285	28,387	28,783	29,027	29,335
Centralia	14,742	14,950	15,040	15,110	15,200	15,340	15,430	15,520	15,540
Chehalis	7,057	7,015	7,055	7,010	6,980	6,990	7,025	7,045	7,215
Morton	1,045	1,040	1,050	1,025	1,015	1,025	1,127	1,140	1,140
Mossyrock	486	490	490	485	480	480	485	485	485
Napavine	1,383	1,352	1,360	1,330	1,330	1,328	1,400	1,492	1,610
Pe Ell	657	660	660	660	660	599	666	670	670
Toledo	653	684	685	685	685	685	685	685	690
Vader	590	605	605	610	595	600	615	620	625
Winlock	1,166	1,337	1,335	1,340	1,340	1,340	1,350	1,370	1,360

Source: Office of Financial Management



Average Annual County Labor Force

Year	Labor Force	Employment	Unemp.	Unemp. %
2003	30,810	27,940	2,870	9.3%
2004	31,370	28,800	2,570	8.2%
2005	30,720	28,360	2,360	7.7%
2006	31,190	29,010	2,180	7.0%
2007	30,710	28,810	1,890	6.2%
2008	31,630	28,780	2,840	9.0%

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Industry Sectors

Sector	Establishments	Employees
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	160	1,385
Mining	*	*
Utilities	*	*
Construction	252	1,236
Manufacturing	132	3,647
Wholesale Trade	77	543
Retail Trade	283	3,571
Transportation & Warehousing	89	1,203
Information	22	308
Finance & Insurance	58	431
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	67	306
Services	102	404
Federal Government	10	226
State Government	25	1,113
Local Government	52	3,583
Not Elsewhere Classified	21	547

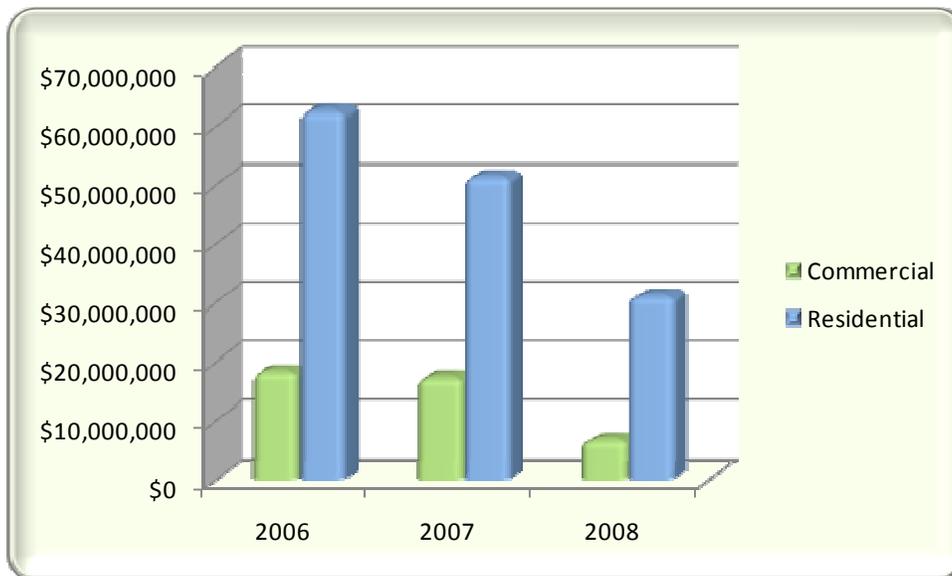
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Building Permits and Construction Values

Commercial Building

Residential Building

Year	Permits	Value	Permits	Value
2006	27	18,341,769	508	62,492,676
2007	10	17,321,669	421	51,397,948
2008	30	6,658,883	275	31,081,313



STAFFING TRENDS

General Fund

001-		2006 FTE	2007 FTE	2008 FTE	2009 FTE	Change
101	Commissioners	4.50	4.75	5.00	6.00	1.00
102	Auditor	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	0.00
103	Auditor - Elections	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
104	Assessor	20.40	20.40	20.40	19.90	-0.50
106	Treasurer	7.75	7.75	8.00	8.00	0.00
107	Clerk	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	0.00
108	Superior Court	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00
109	District Court	17.60	18.60	18.60	18.60	0.00
110	Pros Attorney	26.75	31.00	35.50	33.50	-2.00
112	Self Insurance	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00
115	Civil Service	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.00
120	Human Resource Dept	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.67	-0.33
121	Budget/Fiscal Services	1.75	14.75	14.75	12.00	-2.75
123	Central Services	13.85	2.00	2.00	1.33	-0.67
201	Sheriff	58.50	60.20	64.50	60.34	-4.16
202	Jail	64.00	64.00	64.00	60.00	-4.00
203	Juvenile	30.38	31.38	33.38	32.18	-1.20
302	Weed Control	3.66	4.00	4.00	1.00	-3.00
304	Animal Shelter	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	0.00
601	Coroner	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
701	WSU Ext	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.20	-0.27
Total Current Expense		301.21	311.90	323.20	305.32	-17.88

Other Funds

101	Emergency Management	1.75	2.81	2.81	3.00	0.19
104	Social Services	6.30	7.80	8.45	7.95	-0.50
106	SWW Fair	5.55	5.05	5.00	4.75	-0.25
107	Communications	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	0.00
108	Treasurer's O&M	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.00	0.00
117	Roads	117.50	126.50	123.50	121.75	-1.75
121	Community Development	24.75	24.85	24.00	17.00	-7.00
159	Auditors O&M	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.60	0.60
190	Public Health	35.26	35.66	37.36	28.86	-8.50
192	Senior Transportation	5.23	5.23	5.23	1.93	-3.30
199	Senior Services	9.69	10.06	9.85	9.01	-0.84
401	Solid Waste Utility	14.70	15.60	16.60	16.60	0.00
407	South County Airport	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.75	0.00
410	Water & Sewer	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
501	Equipment Rental	13.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	0.00
507	Facilities	24.30	24.30	25.30	25.00	-0.30
540	Information Services	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	0.00
Total Other Funds		298.28	311.11	311.85	290.20	-21.65

TOTAL FTE'S		599.49	623.01	635.05	595.52	-39.53
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STAFFING CHANGES BETWEEN 08 AND 09
Board of County Commissioners:
2.00 Moved County Admin Staff to BOCC
-1.00 Board Liaison position-frozen
Assessor:
-0.50 Mapping Specialist Senior-frozen
Prosecuting Attorney:
-1.00 Deputy Criminal Prosecutor-frozen
-1.00 Victim witness Paralegal-frozen
Human Resources:
-0.33 Sharing 1/3 of Human Resource Specialist with Central Services
Budget/Fiscal Services:
-2.00 Moved County Admin Staff to BOCC
-0.75 Accounting Technician Senior-frozen
Central Services:
-1.00 Admin Assistant Senior-frozen
0.33 Sharing 1/3 of Human Resource Specialist with Human Resources
Sheriff:
-1.16 Budgeted partial year for 2.0 FTE's in Iraq
-3.00 Deputy positions-frozen
Jail:
-4.00 Corrections Officers-frozen
Juvenile Detention:
-1.00 Juvenile Detention Officer-frozen
-0.20 Court Admin reduced
Weed Control:
-0.50 Weed Control Program Specialist reduced to .50 in 2008
-0.50 Project Specialist (Comm Forest) reduced to .50 in 2008
-0.50 Weed Control Program Specialist reduced .50 for 2009
-0.50 Project Specialist (Comm Forest) reduced .50 for 2009
-1.00 Weed Control Program Specialist reduced in 2009
WSU Extension:
-0.07 Extension Program Educator reduction in hours
-0.20 Administrative Assistant reduction in hours
Emergency Management:
0.19 Increased Support Tech I
Social Services:
-0.50 Community Outreach Worker Senior-frozen
SWW Fair:
-0.25 Marketing Specialist reduction in hours
Roads:
-2.00 Asst. Area Supervisors-eliminated
0.25 Change Prop Mgmt Tech from .50 to .75
1.00 Added Admin Assistant
-3.00 RMT I's-eliminated
1.00 Shop Assistant
1.00 Area Maintenance Supervisor
Community Development:
-1.00 Permit Tech II
-2.00 Building Inspector
-2.00 Planners
-0.50 Records Specialist
-1.50 Secretary I
Auditors O&M:
0.60 added Part time Recording Deputy in 2008
Health:
-0.20 Laboratory Technician
-2.00 Environmental Health Specialist I
-1.00 Environmental Health Specialist II
-0.60 Customer Service Representative
-0.50 Office Assistant Senior
-0.40 Public Health Nurse II reduction in hours
-1.80 Health Services Worker
-1.00 Manager positions reduced for Public Health & Environmental health .50 each
-1.00 Epidemiologist II (Assessment)
Senior Transportation:
-3.3 Transportation Drivers reduction in hours
Senior Services:
-0.75 Food Services Supervisor-frozen
-0.09 Food Transporter-frozen
Facilities:
-0.30 Reduced Custodial hours
-39.53 Total FTE Reduction for 2009